cancellations are analyzed to identify repetitive nature of snag. In case a repetitive snag is detected, special maintenance action is immediately taken to ensure the the snag does not persist. At the Headquarters level, the punctuality of services is monitored on a daily basis.

(c) and (d) Indian Airlines does not maintain separate record of delays after boarding and on account of non-permission for landing.

Service tax on international sectors

1504. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various airlines have sent a proposal for removal of service tax on international sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what will be the impact of this on their business?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Board of Airlines Representative of India [BAR (I)] have represented for review/withdrawal of the service tax levied on passenger fares (other than economy class) for international journeys originating in India, as no other country levy such a tax on passenger fare and it would pose serious problem in determination of service tax on various segments of a ticket.

(c) According to the airlines, this would increase the cost of air travel for First and Business class passengers, which would adversely impact the high and tourist/business traffic.

Real estate development at airport

1505.SHRIV HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Airport developer has been seeking more land at IGIA for putting up shopping plazas, hotels, market and non-aviation related activity;

(b) the details of more real estate sought through land acquisition;

(c) the steps proposed to ensure that focus remains on aviation and not on real estate development at airports;

(d) in what manner will acquisition of land benefit the public; and

(e) the steps proposed to control such urges of private companies running airports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Provision of restricted land use for non-aeronautical purposes exists in the Transaction Document signed with the Delhi International Airport Private Limited. Further, the land use plans will be as per the provisions of Airports Authority of India Act, and the State Government/Local Body bye-laws.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

80-seater passenger aeroplanes

1506. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many airlines have approached Government for permission to use 80-seater passenger aeroplanes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that airlines have also sought concessions from Government to operate 80-seater passenger planes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following scheduled passenger airlines sought permission for import of up to 80-seater passenger aircraft which have been approved.